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AGRICULTURE IN BELGIUM

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Country – 30 528 km²

Population – 10,709,972

In urban areas – 10,427,229

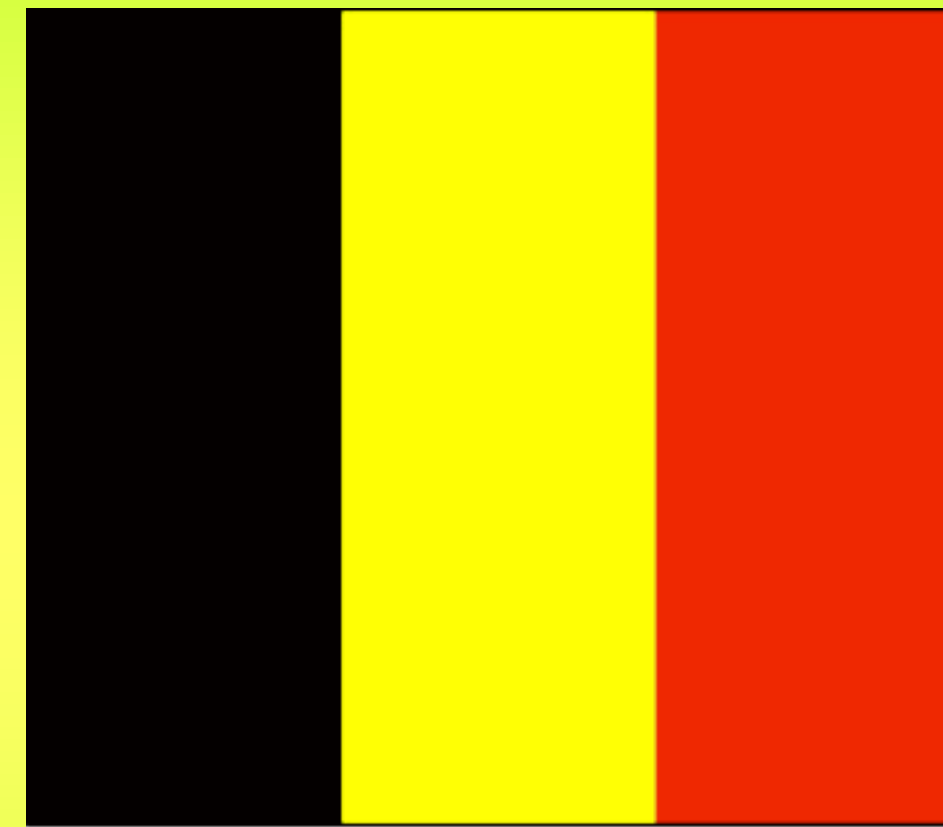
In rural areas – 282,743

Agricultural land area – 133.391.300 ha

Arable land – 82.667.633 ha

Permanent grassland – 50.723.667 ha

Employed in agriculture – 58,337 (+/-1.2% of total employment)



NATURAL CONDITIONS

Climate zone: Warm temperate

Soil types: Clay, sand, sand-loam, loam

Temperature:

Average maxima : 28 (Ardennes) -32°C (lower Belgium)

Average minima: -10°C (lower Belgium) - -19°C (Ardennes)

Rainfall:

Average: 800 mm (lower Belgium) - 1,200 mm (Ardennes)

200 rainy days

Source: <http://www.meteo.be/meteo/view/nl/360361-Parameters.html>

FARM STRUCTURE

Number of farms: 38,559

Average surface used per farm: 23.6 ha

Legal status:

Natural person: 33,765

Legal person: 4,794

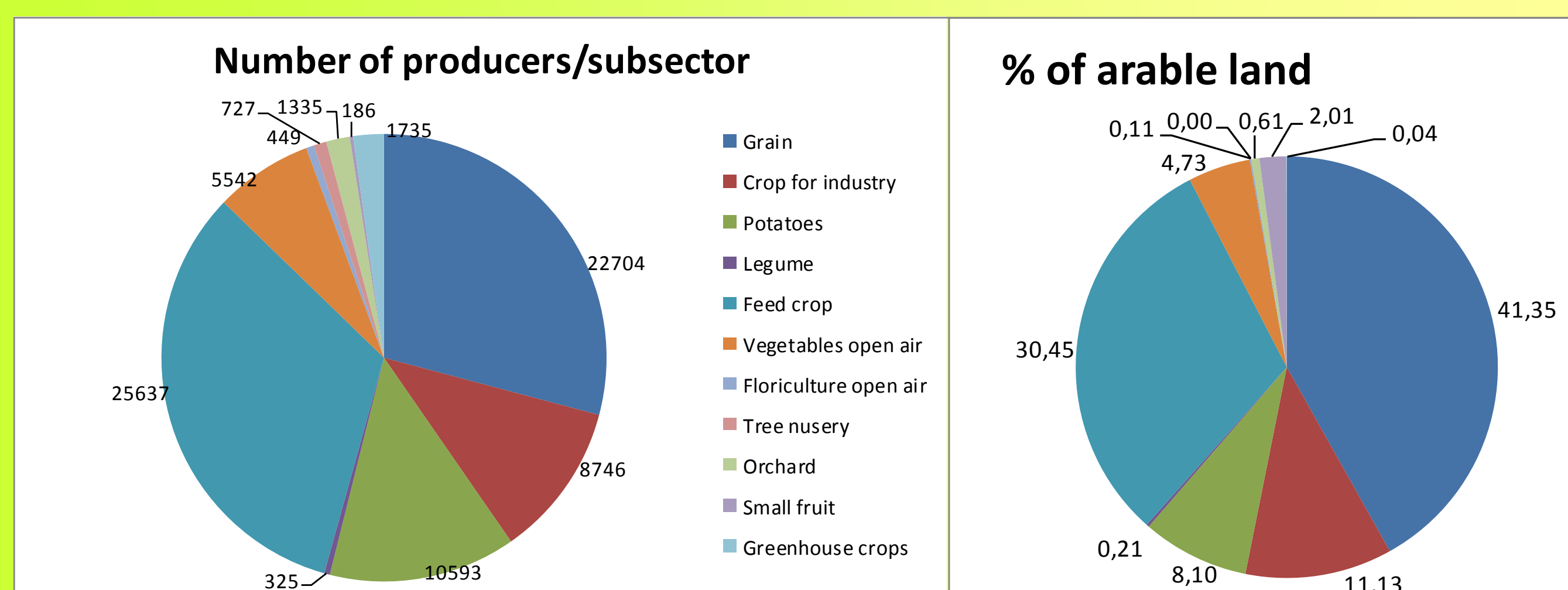
Employed: 75,589 - 58,337 FTE

Family: 60,060 - 41.738 FTE

Non-family: 15,529 - 16,599 FTE

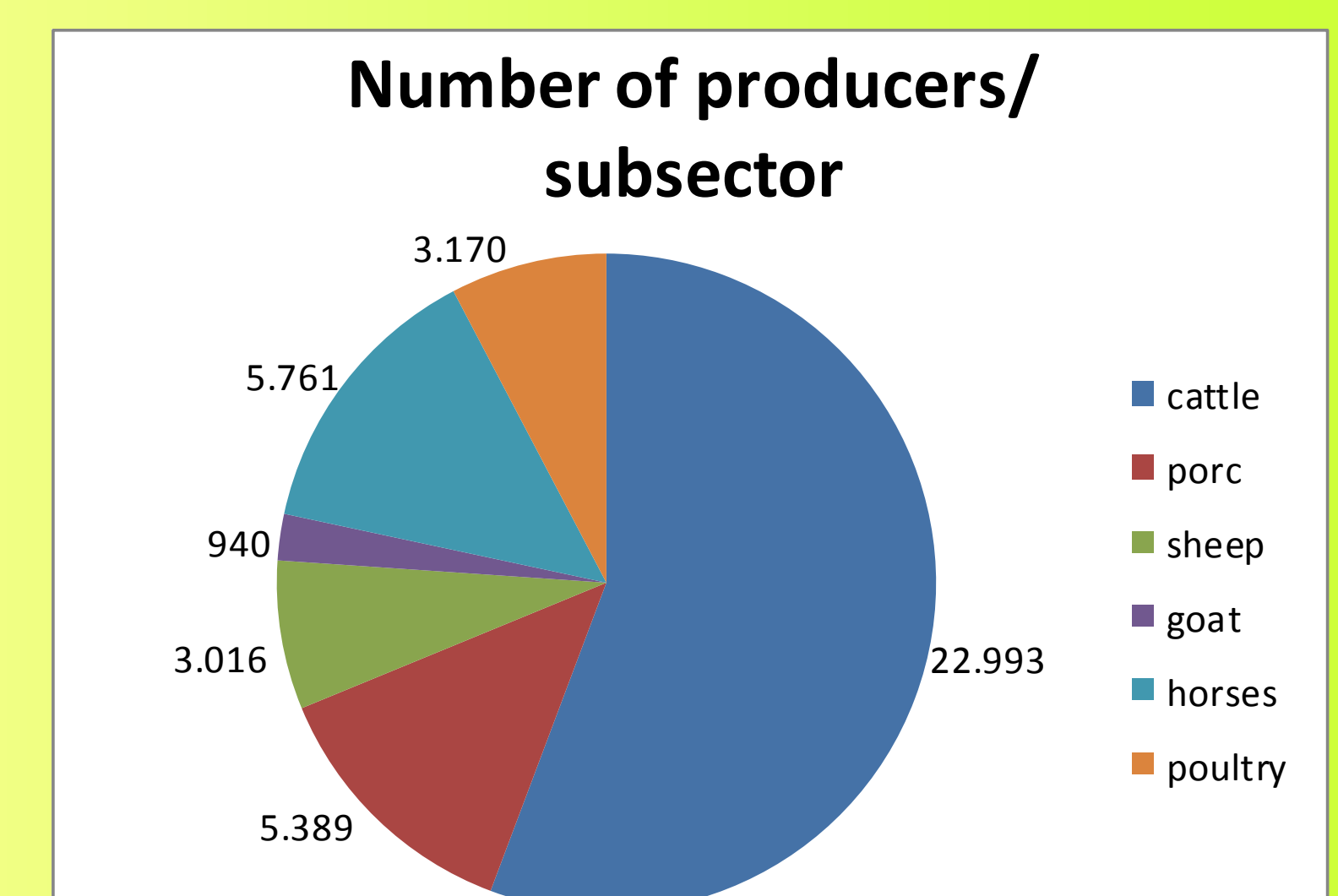
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CROP PRODUCTION



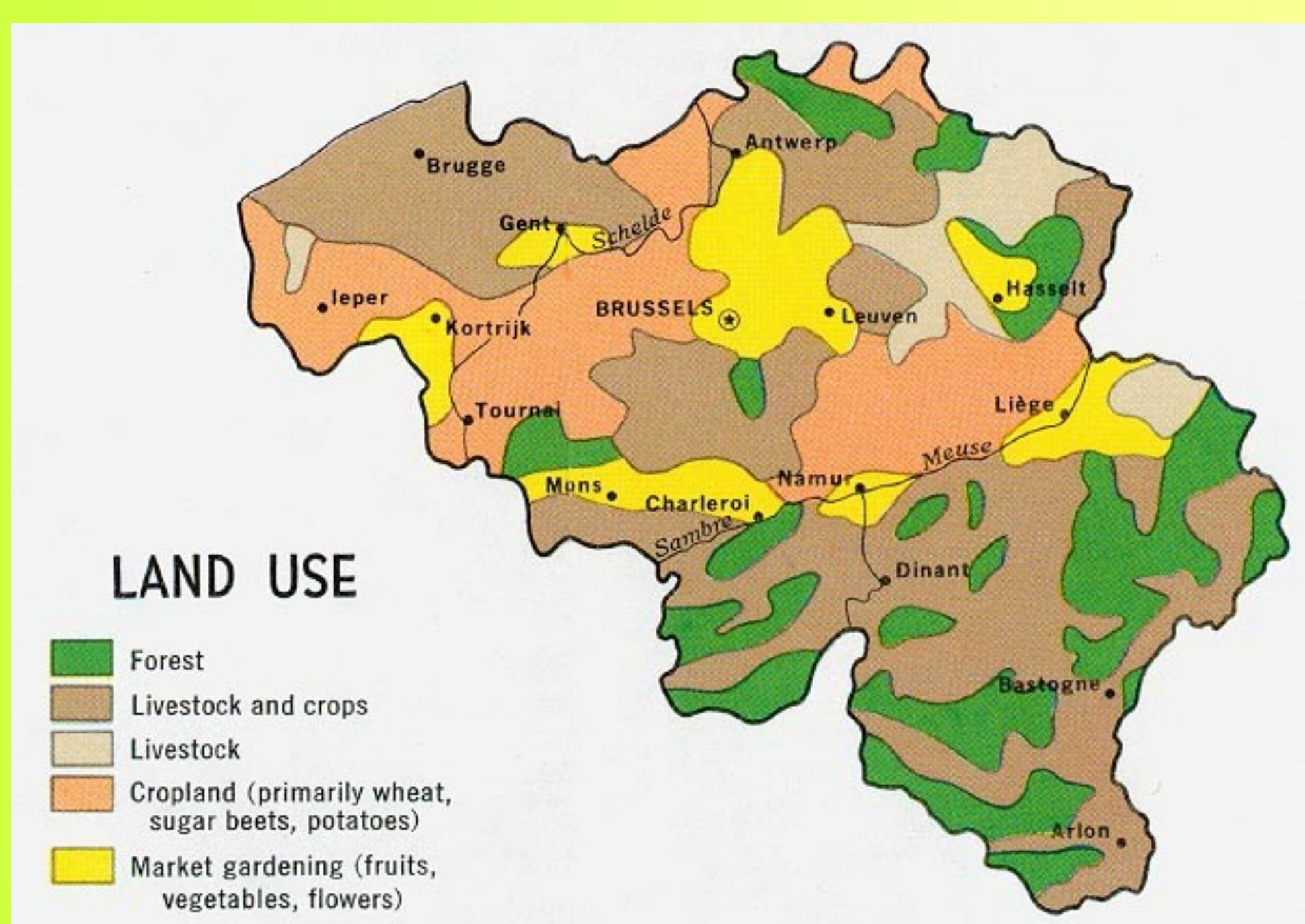
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ANIMAL PRODUCTION



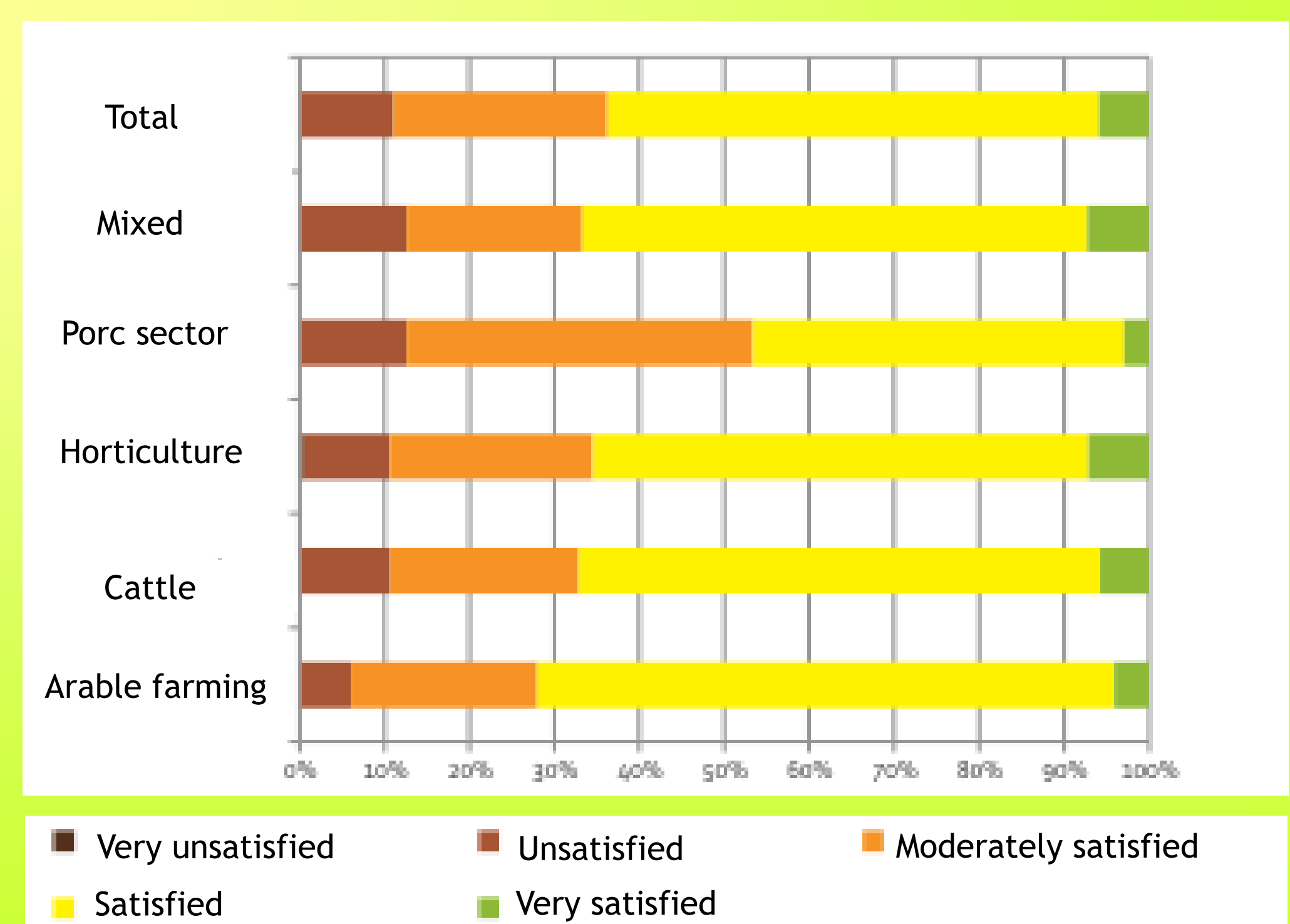
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LAND USE



Source: http://maps.owje.com/maps/8356_belgium-

TOTAL SATISFACTION PER SUBSECTOR



Source: Department Agriculture and fisheries (Belgium)